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UINTAH-OURAY INDIAN RESERVATION

HOLD HEARINGS

John Jex, administrative assistant to Senator Watkins from Washington, D. C., was in Ft. Duchesne Friday of last week holding hearings with the Ute Indians concerning the proposed resolution to divide the tribal assets on a blood basis. The mixed-blood group was heard first, followed by the full-blood group. The executive committee was heard late in the afternoon and it is their responsibility to draft the final resolution outlining the desired legislation. Mr. Jex was accompanied to the reservation by John S. Boyden, tribal attorney.

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LEAVES STAFF

Mrs. Alfred Parriett, clerk stenographer for the Education Dept., is no longer with the Indian Service staff, due to the effectiveness of reduction in force. She has been employed for the past two years under Roy Adams. Education director. Mrs. Parriett was most efficient and her services were outstanding. She will be greatly missed in the Education Department.

She is now getting prepared to move into her new home across from Wing's Department Store, and the employees of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Agency extend congratulations to Alfred and Violet on their new home. Her pleasant personality and pleasing smile will be greatly missed by all.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Nola Zuniga celebrated her eleventh birthday last Friday by having ten friends call at her home. A birthday cake and ice cream and games were enjoyed by the small fry.

Bruce and Paula Iorg were weekend guests at the State Fish Hatchery at Whiterocks.

The Ft. Duchesne baseball team extends its condolence to the Monks family in Myton in the loss of their mother, who passed away at her home last week.

John Jex, Washington, D. C.; John S. Boyden, Salt Lake City, and Lula Murdock and Connie Denver were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Iorg last Friday at the Frontier Grill in Roosevelt. Mr. Jex is administrative assistant to Senator Arthur V. Watkins, and Mr. Boyden is Tribal attorney.

Norma Denver has recovered sufficiently from her recent illness to be home again. All her many friends on the reservation wish her a speedy recovery.

All the old buildings at Ft. Duchesne are being torn down and the old Agency is beginning to look like a ghost town.

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ELECTS OFFICERS

The Tribal Legislative committee held its first meeting Monday and elected the following officers: chairman, Rex Curry; vice-chairman, Albert Harris, and secretary, Wilson Johnson. This committee is composed of nine members of the Ute tribe and will formulate the legislation whereby the policy as set forth in the Resolution dividing the Ute Tribe into two groups will be established. This committee has as its members, Albert Harris, Preston Allen, Francis McKinley. Rex Curry, Julius Twohy, Wallace Jack, Henry Cuch, Wilson Johnson and Lorena Iorg.

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SOIL CONSERVATION

The Soil and Moisture Conservation division of the Indian Service at Fort Duchesne, has let bids to seed 3600 acres of range lands on the Uncompahgre Reservation to crested wheatgrass. 2200 acres of this is on Flat Rock Mesa of the Hill Creek Drainage, and the other 1400 acres are in Wild Horse Basin. The seeding will not take place before August 20th.

Bill Coltharp is now in the process of clearing the 2200 acres on the Flat Rock Mesa. The 1400 acres in Wild Horse Basin will be cleared by the SMC Division itself.

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EQUIPMENT MOVED

SMC has just moved its equipment up from the Kaibab Reservation, where they have been building stock dams and water spreaders. In the recent economy reduction in force being carried out by the government, the position of supervisor for these small reservations to the south was abolished. This left the work in this area without any immediate supervision and necessitated movement of the equipment.

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SIGN OIL LEASES

Representatives of the Vernal office of the Carter Oil Co. have been on the reservation during the past week securing the signatures of owners of individual allotments to oil and gas leases on which they, together with Continental, Sinclair and Superior Oil companies bid high with an offer of $30.77 per acre at the sale of March 16, 1954. They were assisted in the locating of more than 60 people involved, and with interpreting, if needed. by Alfred Parriette, of Fort Duchesne.

They will also need to contact Indian owners living in other parts of Utah, as well as in the states of New York, California, Washington, Oklahoma, Idaho and Wyoming. Two are in the armed services and located in Korea and Panama, but it is not expected that their signatures will be secured or they will be asked to ratify the leases until they return to the reservation on furlough or permanently.

Phillips Petroleum Company, from its Denver office, will be doing the same type of thing sometime during the next month. They will need to secure signatures on 11 proposed leases of Indian allotments which they acquired with a high bid at the same sale. They will need to contact over 20 individuals and all except three live on the reservation or in the state.